

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above claim amendments in the application.  
No new matter has been added.

The claim amendments are supported by the disclosure of the specification and drawing figures as filed.

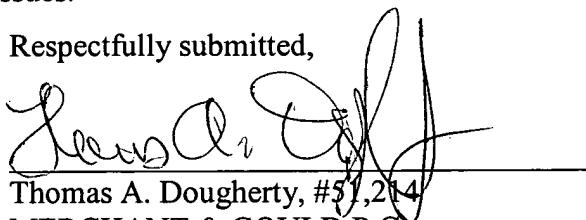
No fee is believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Dougherty".

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